

LEVERETT POND (Leverett)

General Information:

This is a fertile, 69-acre, warm water pond located one mile east of Route 63 north of Depot Road. Informal access is off Long Hill Road and is suitable for car top boat and canoe launching. The pond is characterized by clear watercolor with a transparency of nine feet and a mean and maximum depth of nine feet and 20 feet respectively. The 1.9 miles of shoreline are 40 percent developed with 20 residential dwellings. The bottom is muck and sand with aquatic vegetation covering 40 percent of the surface area. Submergent vegetation covers the entire bottom. A 1950 survey found 5% of the pond's volume was trout water, but none was found in 1981.

This pond can be located on the U.S.G.S. topographical quad map titled "Mt. Toby."

Fish Populations:

The fish population was sampled in July of 1981, at which time nine species were observed. Listed in order of sampling abundance these include bluegill, largemouth bass, pumpkinseed, chain pickerel, brown bullhead, golden shiner, black crappie, American eel and smallmouth bass.

Fishing:

Stunted sunfish dominates the fish population. The largemouth bass are overfished with few quality fish 12 inches or greater. Smallmouth bass habitat is very limited and only a few young fish were sampled. Chain pickerel have average growth rates, but were not numerous. The dense aquatic vegetation limits predation, resulting in stunted sunfish.

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